

# REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA MINISTRY OF HEALTH

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# REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA COVID-19 PROTOCOL FOR TRAVELERS Effective December 20, 2021

- All travelers MUST present a negative PCR COVID-19 test result obtained from an accredited laboratory within three days (72 hours) before departure.
- All travelers 18 years and above MUST show proof of full COVID-19 vaccination upon arrival.
   Liberia recognizes these vaccines as designated by the World Health Organization (Janssen/J&J, Pfizer-BioNTech; Moderna; AstraZeneca; Covaxin; Covishield; BIBP/Sinopharm; Sinovac).
- All travelers arriving into Liberia will be tested upon arrival, regardless of COVID-19 vaccination status. The IMS strongly encourage all arriving passengers to isolate for seven (7) days, especially if you are arriving from countries that have reported cases of the Omicron variant.
- Testing fees for Incoming and Outgoing travelers: ECOWAS citizens with trip originating from ECOWAS Countries must pay US\$50 for cost of COVID-19 testing while others arriving from countries outside the ECOWAS region must pay US\$ 75. Payments can either be made online or in cash at the UBA banking window.

It is the traveler's responsibility to check with the airline prior to travel for designation country COVID-19 requirements.

\*EXEMPT TRAVELERS: Diplomats, their families and honorary consuls are exempt from testing at Roberts International Airport (RIA) or other designated ports of entry. However, the exempt status does not apply to Liberian diplomats without foreign assignment. Diplomats are encouraged to isolate within their embassies or place of residence for seven (7) days before associating with the public. All Diplomats will be required to present proof of their COVID-19 vaccination.

Children under five years of age are exempt from all COVID-19 entry testing. However, for countries that require children to be tested, the stipulated fee will apply for out going travelers.

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### **IN-COMING TRAVELERS**

#### Pre-Arrival

- 1. Before arrival, exempt and non-exempt travelers must complete a Health Screening Arrival Form via the Liberia Travel application ("Lib travel app")
  - Android link: <a href="https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.tuma.libtravel">https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.tuma.libtravel</a> OR
  - Apple Store link: <a href="https://apps.apple.com/us/apps/lib-travel/id1537552090">https://apps.apple.com/us/apps/lib-travel/id1537552090</a>

Anyone experiencing problems with the app will receive assistance upon arrival at the airport.

#### Arrival

- 1. All travelers must present a negative PCR COVID-19 test result obtained from an accredited laboratory within three (72 hours) days before departure.
- 2. All incoming travelers must wear a mask upon arrival. Port Health Officers will conduct a mandatory temperature check and review all travelers' symptom screening forms and flight itineraries.
- 3. Travelers who test positive will be transported to the nearest Treatment Unit and undergo treatment based on Liberia's Case Management Guidelines.
- 4. The National Public Health Reference Laboratory Team will test all non-exempt travelers for COVID-19 with a rapid antigen COVID-19 test RDT upon arrival in Liberia.
  - a. Travelers who test negative by RDT will be required to show their negative RDT result to exit the airport.
  - b. Travelers 18 years who test positive by RDT will be transported to the Star Base COVID-19 Treatment Unit and undergo treatment based on Liberia's Case Management Guidelines.
- 5. It is strongly recommended that **ALL INCOMING TRAVELERs**, regardless of vaccination status, who test negative remain in quarantine for 7 days and self monitor their symptoms via the Lib travel app.
- 6. Cabin Crew, Captains, Flight Engineers and First Officers
  - All cabin crew, captains, flight engineers, and first officer with layovers less than 48 hours will be
    exempted from testing if they complete pre-boarding testing per their airline's policy and comply
    with symptom screening procedures while in Liberia.
  - On arrival at the airport, cabin crew captain, flight engineers, and first officer will complete screening and proceed to their designated flight crew hotel.
  - Crew, captains, flight engineers, and first officers with layover of more than 48 hours must follow Liberia's National testing protocols below before departure.

#### PROCEDURES FOR SHORT-TERM TRAVELERS OF 1-3 DAYS DURATION

Short-term travel, not exceeding three days in Liberia, include those with invitations from the Government of Liberia, special government-authorized missions, technical assistance, international NGOs, military advisors, and invitations from embassies. Short-term travelers whose results will not be

valid for exits must have their sample collected at time of arrival for testing. Short-term travelers should request antigen rapid diagnostic test or PCR test from sample collector. Results and travel certificate will be posted on <a href="http://liberiacovidtravel.org">http://liberiacovidtravel.org</a>.

#### **OUTGOING TRAVELERS**

- All non-exempt departing passengers must present certification of a negative COVID-19 test. The test should be performed in advance of travel in keeping with the number of days and the type of test (PCR or RDT) mandated by the destination country. Liberia offers both PCR and rapid antigen test for outgoing travelers.
  - a. For traveler with the United States as the Destination, 24-hours results are available for rapid antigen testing.
- 2. COVID-19 sample collection (testing) is available at the Union Center located on Sophia Road in Congo Town, Monrovia from 9 am to 4 pm, 7 days a week. ALL travelers are encouraged to register at <a href="http://libeiracovidtravel.org">http://libeiracovidtravel.org</a> prior to arrival at the Union Center. To register, select "Request a Travel Certificate" and fill out the requested information. Travelers should ensure they provide correct contact details and will receive a unique identification number to retrieve their test result online (<a href="http://liberiacovidtravel.org">http://liberiacovidtravel.org</a>). Travelers should print a paper copy of the negative test result certificate before arriving at Roberts International Airport.
- 3. All duly accredited Diplomats and their families are not required to test for COVID-19 upon departure. However, testing will be available at the Union Center free of charge for exempt travelers if requested. The exempt status for Diplomats does not apply to Liberian diplomats without foreign assignment. PLEASE NOTE: Although the Government of Liberia does not require exempt outgoing travelers to be tested for COVID-19, airlines may nevertheless require proof of a negative COVID-19 test result from all travelers prior to boarding the plan regardless of exempt status.
- 4. Travelers with a positive result will not be allowed to travel while COVID-19 positive and will be subjected to Liberia's COVID-19 Case Management Guidelines.
- 5. Travelers are encouraged to check the Ministry of Health and the National Public Health Institute of Liberia (NPHIL) websites at <a href="https://www.moh.gov.lr">www.moh.gov.lr</a> or <a href="https://www.moh.gov.lr">www.moh.gov.lr</a> for COVID-19 updates.

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